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With Every Car There's a Story



See pages 4-5 for this car's story

January Membership Meeting

The January membership meeting will be held on **January 12th at 7:00 PM at:**

Brass Pointe Restaurant
24234 Orchard Lake Rd
Farmington Hills, MI

Come at 6 PM if you'd like to eat first.



www.thebrasspointe.com

JAGM Activities Calendar

	December 2021	January 2022
Meeting Activity	No Meeting	Meeting 12 th @ 7:00 PM Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills
Outside Activity	Holiday Party White Horse Inn, Metamora Sunday, December 12 th	
	February 2022	March 2022
Meeting Activity	Zoom Membership Meeting February 9 th @ 7:00 PM	Meeting 9 th @ 7:00 PM Brass Pointe, Farmington Hills
Outside Activity	Tipping Point Theatre Dinner at nearby restaurant Sunday, February 6 th	Charity Auction/Awards Banquet Lee's Garage Livonia, MI Feather Bowling/Dinner Bath City Bistro Date TBD

For the most up to date listing & schedule of events, go to: www.jagm.org/events

Charity Auction Items

The Charity Auction to benefit "Homes for our Troops" will be held in March, 2022 in conjunction with the Awards Banquet. Please help to make the auction a success by setting aside the following types of items to donate:

- Car parts
- Automotive Art
- Club Shirts
- Car Models
- Food
- Puzzles
- Books
- Decorations
- Photographs
- Cleaning Supplies
- Mystery Boxes

Bring your "goodies" and your check-books to join in this fun annual event!

Holiday Party Reminder

For those who signed up for the Holiday Party by the deadline:
The party will take place on **Sunday, December 12th, 1 to 4 PM at The White Horse Inn, 1 E. High St., Metamora, MI** in the upstairs dining room.

We will have a donation box for those who wish to contribute to "Toys for Tots". Please make checks payable to "**Marine Toys for Tots Foundation**".

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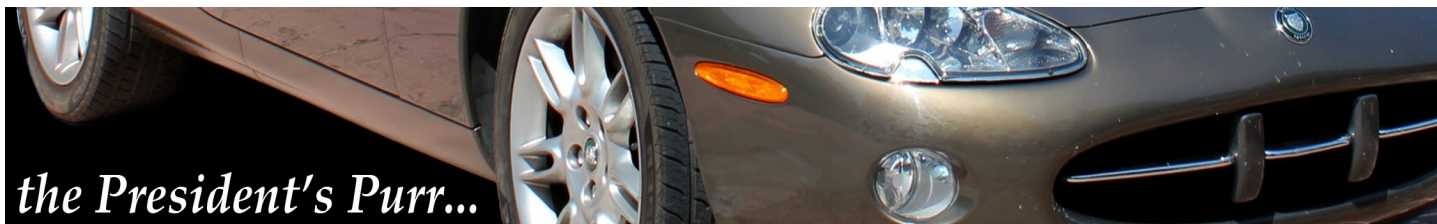
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Happy Holidays!

I trust that you all had a great Thanksgiving, whether it was gathering with a few or several family members and friends. Whatever the number, it's always good to spend time together. Let's hope this is the last year we need to consider the pandemic in all our holiday plans.

Speaking of holiday plans, I hope you all have registered for our JAGM 2021 Holiday Party which is scheduled for December 12th at The White Horse Inn. Thank you, Phil and team, for all the time and work you've put into this very special event. I'm very much looking forward to an entertaining and joyful time!

And speaking of joyful times, I was very happy to see that we have three additional nominees for the open JAGM BOD positions. It warms my heart when the call for additional member involvement is answered. A terrific opportunity to add some additional outstanding gentlemen to an already terrific bunch of volunteers, to the 2022 Board of Directors has been pre-

sented. I especially want to thank Loran Brooks, Dom Federico and Philip Wiltshire for their enthusiasm and willingness to be a part of our team next year. Good luck each of you! (Note: at the time of this writing, the final voting has not yet been tallied, however, I'm sure it will be good news!)

Wishing you all a safe, warm, and heartfelt holiday season!

Until next we meet...

Teresa



2021 JAGM Membership Renewal

*Membership Application **DEADLINE** December 31st, 2021*

Please PRINT Legibly

Name(s) _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

1st Email _____ 2nd Email _____

Jaguar(s) Owned (please PRINT legibly additional cars on back of this form or add another page—if no changes please write 'same')

Year

Model

Body Style

Color

I hereby make application to renew my membership, in the Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan, a non-profit Corporation. With this renewal, I agree to abide by the bylaws of the corporation. Attached I am enclosing my check in the amount of **\$65.00, payable to JAGM**. (\$65.00 amount includes \$40.00 for JCNA membership dues)

Signature _____ Date _____

Send your application and check to: Pauline Blunt, Membership Director, 4715 Bell Oak Road, Williamston, MI 48895

Or renew your membership online at jagm.org/membership.

A Story of Integrity and Beauty

Conrad Foster and His 1966 E-Type

I have a deep and long-term love of this car; for the significance of the E-Type to the automotive world and its importance in the history of the Jaguar marque, and also as a beautiful icon of engineering and artistic design. Since I've owned this car for almost 35 years, I'll share a little of the history. There were two previous owners, the first Mr. T. Durakis, of Springfield, Ohio (outside of Cleveland) owned the car from new through the 1970s, and R. Kazanowski of Wolverine Lake, Michigan, whom I purchased the car from in November of 1987. Mr. Durakis remained a bachelor his whole life, and in fact when he purchased the car he lived with his parents. He died in 2014.

There is a true story and one of life's important lessons that I have shared with my sons and others related to my purchase of this car. The lesson involves our integrity, and the fact that one's integrity follows them wherever they go, and for their whole life. When I answered the tiny two-line classified ad in the Sunday Detroit News "Sports and Imported Car" category in November of 1987, I had never looked at an E-Type and in fact was actively in the market for a Ferrari; either an early BB512 or a 365GTC4.

I had to fly to San Diego for a west coast business trip that afternoon, so when I saw that tiny ad I called Mr. Kazanowski at 6:30 am, apologized if I had woken him up, and asked if I could stop by his house early to take a look and test drive the car before I had to head to the airport. He agreed and I arrived at his house at approximately 7:15 am. He accompanied me while we took the car on a short drive around Wolverine

Lake. We parked the car in his driveway, and I told him I needed to speak to my wife further about the car to make a decision. In fact, it was the first time I had looked at, sat in, or driven an E-Type in my life and never had considered purchasing one.

After sitting in his driveway and conferring with my wife Norma for about 15 minutes we decided it was a beautiful car, and about 8:00 a.m. I knocked on Mr. Kazanowski's door and told him what I was going to offer him for the car, which was \$250 less than he was asking. After a moment he accepted my offer. He scribbled a handwritten purchase agreement on a torn out lined piece of notebook paper, and I told him I would give him a \$100 deposit to hold the car for the week and would pay him the balance due by Friday when I returned from the west coast.



I called him Thursday night from a pay phone in the airport after my plane landed to confirm that I would meet him Friday morning at 9 a.m. to give him a check for the balance due. We could then go to the Secretary of State to sign over the title and transfer ownership. He paused for a moment on the phone and said "I've gone through hell this week with my wife over your offer with this car. You were the first one to answer my ad, and after you left my house I had 83 phone calls on Sunday about the car, and people offering me thousands of dollars more than I agreed to accept from you, over the phone sight unseen, but I want you to know I have honored your \$100 deposit and I held the car for

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Front Cover

Muncie Imports
Muncie, Indiana

A Story of Integrity and Beauty (cont'd)

you. So PLEASE meet me in the White Castle parking lot in Canton at 9 a.m. If you don't show up, I've got people lined up to buy this car."

In my two 2" binders of history and service records, I still have the original classified ad and the torn piece of notebook paper that served as the Purchase Agreement, and I've told my sons and others this story many times as an example of integrity and how important in life it is.

When I first purchased the car, it had an oil leak, and I brought it to Forrest Black in 1988, who owned a service shop, Sports and Imported Car Service, on Stadium Boulevard in Ann Arbor. He determined that the car needed to have the cylinders bored, and the brakes refurbished. I ordered a new matched set of pistons from England through Falvey Motors of Troy, the local Jaguar distributor at the time. Forrest was an outstanding Jaguar mechanic but unfortunately his shop relocated and he died in 2008.

After owning the car for 25 years and doing little else but routine oil changes and refurbishing the brakes, rarely driving it, and storing it in a heated garage with a cover over it, I determined that I was going to have the car restored in 2013. I first had Matt Nold install a

new Bell stainless exhaust system and do some additional mechanical work in 2013 and 2014.

In 2015 I undertook what turned out to be a six-year comprehensive engine-out mechanical and cosmetic restoration of the car through Muncie Imports of Muncie Indiana. I have tried to focus on originality. The engine block, chassis, radiator, transmission, even the clutch is original and refurbished. There are just a couple of mechanical upgrades, such as an auxiliary electric engine cooling fan and electronic ignition installed for reliability, but I have the original parts. Every year Muncie Imports dispatched their own enclosed trailer to my house in Plymouth to pick up the car in November and would return it to me the following May. This continued every year from 2015 to late March of 2020 when the restoration was completed. I had been in contact with both previous owners to discuss the history of the car through their eyes and experience. I was very lucky that the car had been well kept and loved by its previous owners.

My plans are to continue driving and enjoying this car, and I hope one day one my sons will share the same love of its beauty, and history that I have.

Conrad Foster



Scored 9.998 in the Driven Class at JAGM
Concours d'Elegance 2021



Winner of People's Choice Award at the
Concours d'Elegance of America 2021

Classified Ads

For Sale: 1986 XJ-SC 3.6 in-line 6, 5 speed manual transmission. Gray market auto, last XJ-SC painted British racing green. In fantastic condition, no rust. Many years of maintenance records. Driver/passenger seats reupholstered. Belts, tune up last month.



\$12,000

Phone/text 248-755-5646

For Sale: Two Vredestein Sprint Classic 185 HR 15 tires These were spare tires and never used. They are older, but would make great spares. Well stored. **\$50.00 each OBO**
Dayton 15" Standard, curly hub, chrome wire wheel that was used as a spare and never driven. Stainless steel spokes. Looks new. **\$300.00 OBO**
 All of these would fit an E-Type or MK2 Jaguar.



Contact Mike at 734-416-3839 or jaguarinterests00@yahoo.com.

For Sale :- Barb McMenamin is selling Mike's collection of twenty seven 1:24 model cars. Most are Franklin Mint. 1st picture has 1938 Alvis Speedster, 1930 Duesenberg J Derham Tourster, and 1952 Jag XK120. 2nd picture has James Bond Aston Martin DB5, 1933 Duesenberg Twenty Grand, and 1961 Jag XKE Coupe. 3rd picture has 1956 T-Bird, 1934 Packard, and 1965 Corvette Mako Shark. Cars come with original boxes and paperwork.



Please contact my son in law, John Buller, for pricing, details, and additional photos at mcmjagxke@gmail.com or 248.420.9990.



For Sale: 1961 XK150 SE Drophead Coupe

The car has a 3.8 liter engine (10:1) with twin carbs. This is a beautiful car with blue over blue leather. Has been repainted - minor rust on vent door. It is a matching numbers car and the body and undercarriage are in excellent condition. Chrome wire wheels and new top. The interior needs replacing. The car has always been garaged. The car was purchased by my father in 1966. 98k miles. Located in Dearborn, MI

Call or text Ian at 313-414-9808 for appointment to view.

For Sale: 1964 Jaguar MK 2 3.8 litre (9:1) manual with overdrive. 3rd owner. Believed to be accurate mileage (54,000). Original colors of Opalescent Grey with Dark Blue interior. One repaint many years ago in original color, presents very well. Interior exceptionally redone in original materials. Optional reclining seats. Wood is beautiful, headliner is original and in very good condition. Car has never been apart and is as solid as I have seen. Runs and drives well; excellent oil pressure and proper temperature. Not a 100 point show car but a very nice driver that could be taken to the next level.

\$26,500

**Brian Brady
Rochester Hills, Michigan
248-860-5276**



For Sale: Set of four 60 spoke wire wheels and whitewall tires from a 1957 Jaguar XK150. Wheels have been professionally restored with a gray powder coat as they were originally. Great Splines. Tires are like new Columbia Deluxe 4 Ply 6.00-16. All in excellent road ready condition.

\$2000 OBO

734-883-4717 frayer@charter.net



For Sale: Windscreen for Series 1 E-type OTS, Triplex, clear, new and still in crate.
 Price: **\$600** Shipping from Welsh was \$288, so you can save a bundle. if you're near SE Michigan. **Call or text Al at 248-622-3300.**

Literary Corner

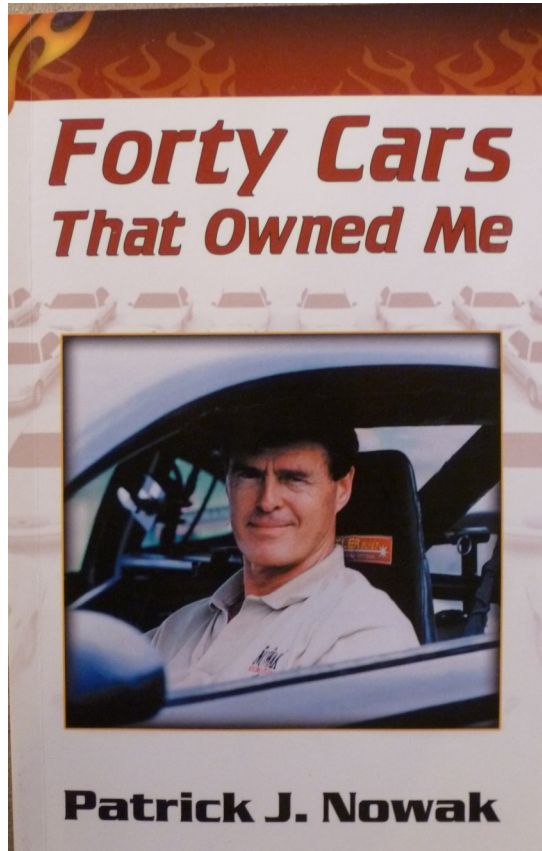
Book reviews are not a common feature of The Indicator, but I want to let you know about “Forty Cars that Owned Me” for two good reasons. First, the book chronicles the buying and selling of a lot of interesting cars by a person who is, like many of us, a certified car nut. Second, that certified individual is a member of JAGM, Pat Nowak.

Each chapter of the book is a story about Pat’s purchase, ownership, and selling of one of the 40 featured cars. Along the way you’ll get to know Pat better, including his subtle humor which I greatly enjoyed. Among the forty cars are three Jaguars, although Pat has also owned a few more Jags since the book was published in 2013. Just to whet your appetite, the featured cars also include a Triumph TR3, an Aston Martin DB5 and several

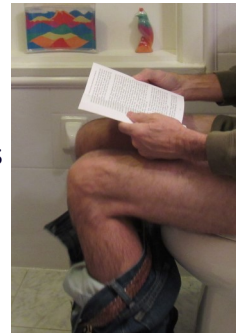
SCCA road racing and pro rally cars.

If you’re looking for a quick and entertaining read as we head into the Jaguar off-season, I can highly recommend that you pick up a copy of “Forty Cars That Owned Me.” One way to get it is to come to the JAGM Holiday Party on December 12, and ask me for it. Pat brought this copy to the 2020 Summer Drive in Saugatuck and gave it to Bob Matejek, who decided to start it circulating through the club. Bob gave it to me, and you could be the next in line. If that doesn’t work you can always purchase the book at a very reasonable cost through Amazon.com. I think you’ll enjoy it.

Gary Hillebrand



The Indicator's
literary critic
at work in his
office



Tipping Point Theater—February 6, 2022

Date/Time: Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Tipping Point Theatre, 361 Cady Street,
Northville MI 48167, 248-347-0003

Production: "The Play That Goes Wrong"

Cost: \$31 per person (Regular price \$36; \$5 group
rate reduction) **Mail checks payable to:**
Johnine Bailey, 14807 Park Street, Livonia MI
48154.

Covid Requirements: All patrons must show proof
of vaccination and wear masks while in the
theatre.

RSVP Date: Monday, January 10th.

Dinner: Dinner will follow at a local restaurant

Questions? Contact Baileys at bly12770@gmail.com





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